measures in high rise buildings. The Building Bye-laws applicable prior to June, 1983 had no such provision. The plans of high rise buildings sanctioned prior to June, 1983 conformed to the old Bye-laws and, therefore, did not have the fire safety measures envisaged subsequently and incorporated in the unified Building Bye-laws.

However, the Delhi Fire Prevention & Safety Act, which came into force in 1986, provided for 12 essential fire safety requirements even for the pre-1983 high rise buildings. Compliance of these requirements is kept under watch by the Delhi Fire Service. In so far as Government buildings are concerned, a time bound programme for providing these measures has already been taken up.

(b) and (c) Do not arise in view of reply to part (a) above.

National Pesticides Policy

644. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently any representations from the national Pesticide Action Committee for need of National Pesticide Policy in the light of knowledge and developments towards goal of Agriculture without use of chemicals;

(b) if so, whether Government have taken any decisions in the matter; and

(c) if so, the steps taken so far to achieve these objectives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The representation is under examination of the Government.

Supply of Milk in Poly Packs by Mother Dairy

645. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Mother Dairy, Delhi used to process, pack and market milk in polypacks;

(b) whether this practice was discontinued due to shortage of milk and whether the contract labour deployed for the purpose was also retrenched; and

(c) whether Mother Dairy had also sold away the processing packing machinery for polypack leading to Mother Dairy restraining this polypack milk operations through Haryana Cooperative Dairy Corporation plant at Ballabhgarh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir. As a purely temporary measure.

(b) and (c) Mother Dairy was packing milk in poly pack as a purely temporary arrangement. As the dairy was neither designed nor equipped for handling milk in poly pack it was carrying on this temporary operation from a hired premises and engaged a licensed contractor for the purpose.

Mother Dairy suspended packing of milk in poly pack due to drought conditions in July, 1987 and subsequently it terminated its contract with the contractor. The contract labour were the employees of the contractor and not of the dairy. Therefore, the question of retrenchment of labour by the dairy does not arise.

Following the discontinuation of these operations, the machinery & equipment installed at the hired premises were disposed off and the hired premises was vacated. Recently on the initiative of the Haryana Dairy Federation, as a purely

marketing arrangement, the Mother Dairy is selling the milk processed and packed in poly pack by that Federation with the help of the Federation's infrastructure and manpower.

Sale of Fertilisers in U.P.

646. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government of Uttar Pradesh opposed the sale of fertilisers to farmers @ Rs. 100 per bag;

(b) whether this has created a scarcity of fertilisers and the same is sold in black market; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI UPENDRA NATH VERMA): (a) U.P. Government proposed sale of Urea at Rs. 110.20 per bag of 50 kg. (inclusive of Sales Tax and distribution margin) by Indian Farmers Fertiliser Cooperative Ltd. (IFFCO) and Krishak Bharati Cooperative Ltd. (KRIBHCO) as against the statutory maximum price that works out to Rs. 123.50P.

(b) and (c) Government is not aware of any shortages of fertilisers or black market in the item in U.P.

Recovery Machinery to Realise PF Arrears

647. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the progress made by the "Recovery Machinery" to expenditiously realise provident fund arrears from the defaulting employees so far;

(b) whether this machinery would be of permanent nature; and

(c) whether this machinery would also look into the other grievances like payment of P.F. to employees and loans etc.?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR AND WELFARE (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) The Recovery Machinery has started functioning with effect from 1.7.90. It is, therefore, too early to make any assessment of the work done by the machinery.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) No. Sir.

Ceiling of Non-Productive Urban Wealth

648. SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is fact that government have considered a proposal for ceiling on non-productive urban wealth, which includes houses, property and land;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what are views of the experts in the urban development field on the subject particulary with reference to the implementation of the draft National Housing policy as enunciated earlier?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI MURASOLI MARAN): (a) to (c) The draft National Housing policy document notes that the operation of the Urban Land (Ceiling and Regulation) Act, 1976, in its present form has frozen the land market leading to rapid escalation in land prices. To remove the inhibiting effects of the Act and to make land available for housing